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At-risk youth from Camino Verde finish the first level of the technical training in construction



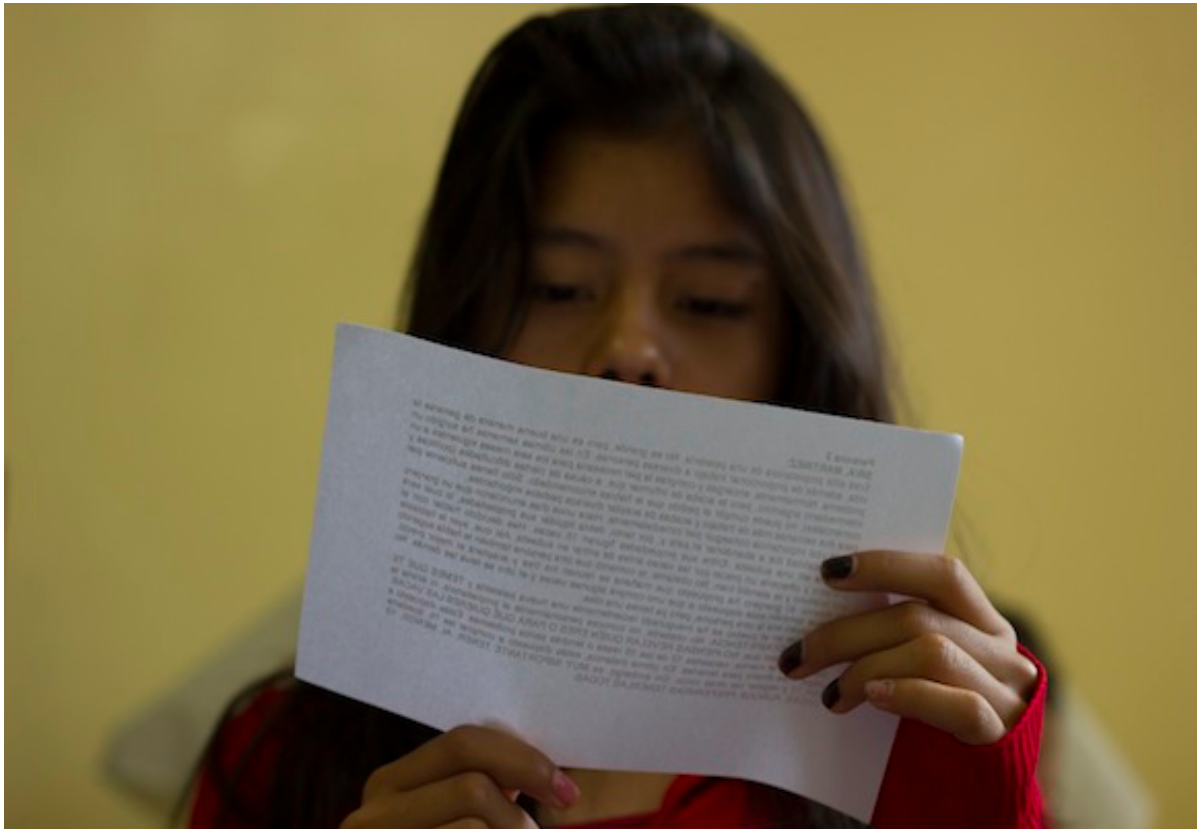
On August 16, a group of 29 youth, 6 girls and 23 boys, concluded the first level of the construction technical training. The group worked over the past two months renovating different areas of the Youth Center in Camino Verde, applying their knowledge while they specialized in four technical trades: masonry, blacksmithing, painting, and gardening. As part of the JcR program, they also participated in the Human Development workshops.

The Mexican Chamber of Construction Industry partners with *Jóvenes con Rumbo*



The Mexican Chamber of Construction Industry (CMIC) is now working in partnership with JcR through its Training Institute of Construction Industry (ICIC) which provides a second level of training and certification to youth participants in construction. The ICIC is supporting the JcR program in Monterrey and in Tijuana training youth that have finished the first level training course with Jóvenes Constructores de la Comunidad. 25 of the 29 youth who recently graduated from Camino Verde began participating in the ICIC training, currently specializing in painting, facilitated by employees of the renowned business Comex.

Camino Verde youth return to school



As part of JcR's Placement Program, 11 youth – 5 boys and 6 girls – from Camino Verde presented their admission exam to the College of Science and Technology Studies (Cecyte Cachanilla) in order to go back to high school. One more young woman was placed into the open system for high school.

Parents actively participate in the JCR school dropout prevention strategy



35 parents of students from the Camino Verde high school, Escuela Secundaria General 68 "Nezahualcoyotl," participated in a first awareness-raising workshop on preventing students from dropping out of school. The goal of this outreach strategy is to engage parents and family members as key stakeholders in the effort to reduce school dropout rates.

8 university students volunteer as *Jóvenes con Rumbo* facilitators



Students from universities in Tijuana and Monterrey joined the JcR program by volunteering for the school drop out prevention program. Students began their training, led by local partner Servicios a la Juventud, A.C, to become the new JcR facilitators in middle and high schools in the two cities.

At-risk youth develop their Personal Development Plans in Camino Verde



Youth tutors of the Youth Center Camino Verde are currently working with 89 youth from the community on their Personal Development Plans. Working closely with their tutors, youth are designing a personal strategy for their training in the YEC, as well as on their placement plan. The tutors are actively engaging the youth in a process to help them decide if they either want to go back to school, or continue to search for job opportunities.



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